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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on August 18, 2005, the Applicant elects Group I: Claims 1 - 15 drawn to a coating apparatus with mask and further elects species as claimed in claims 1 - 7 and 11 - 15 directed to a mask with variable sized perforations.

However, although the Examiner lists claim 1 as the only generic claim, it is believed that claims 11 - 15 are also generic since claims 11 - 15 are cited in both species.

Please proceed with the prosecution of the elected claims 1 - 7 and 11 - 15.

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